गौतमबुद्ध नगर, नोएडा में केबल डालने का कार्य

1427. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:**
श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि टेलीफोन सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए हबीबपुर, जिला-गौतमबुद्ध नगर के काफी लोगों ने जनवरी, 1998 से अब तक आवेदन प्रस्तुत किए हैं लेकिन केबल डालने का कार्य अभी तक प्रारंभ नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि टेलीफोन विभाग, गौतमबुद्ध नगर के इंजीनियर इस कार्य में जानबूझकर विलंब कर रहे हैं और इस स्थान के उपभोक्ता समस्याओं का सामना कर रहे हैं; और

(घ) केबल डालने से संबंधित कार्य कब तक प्रारंभ हो जाएंगा?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) से (घ) हबीबपुर में टेलीफोनों के लिए जनवरी 1998 से नौ आवेदन पंजीकृत किए गए हैं। केबल बिछाने का काम पहले ही शुरू हो चुका है और अप्रैल 1999 तक टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है।

Transfer of S.B. Account from Mohan Nagar Post Office, Ghaziabad

1428. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for issue of duplicate Books of S.B. Account and transfer of Saving Bank Accounts from Mohan Nagar Post Office in Ghaziabad District to New Delhi during the first week of November, 1998;

(b) the details thereof indicating names of the persons in whose names such accounts stand;

(c) the details on which such duplicate books were issued and the accounts were transferred; and

(d) if not yet transferred the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) to (d) NIL.

Recovery of dues from Cellular Operators

1429. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently directed the Union Communications Minister not to enforce default conditions on private cellular and basic operators who have been given the deadline to pay the dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have been showing laxity now in recovering the dues from private cellular and basic operators in the country; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only the last date for payment has been extended.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of above.

Electronic Exchange in Gujarat

1430. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electronic exchanges functioning in Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert some of the existing manual Telephone Exchange into electronic ones in various places in Gujarat in the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district wise; and

(c) the estimated expenditure involved in conversion of these exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) As on 31.1.99, 1469 number of electronic exchanges are functioning in Gujarat. District-wise details are placed given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) There is no manual telephone exchange functioning in Gujarat.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement

S. No.	Name of District	No. of electronic exchanges functioning as on 31.1.1999
1.	Ahmedabad Gandhinagar	104
2.	Bharuch	58
3.	Kutch-Bhuj	111
4.	Bhavnagar	74
5.	Jamnagar	73
6.	Junagadh	92
7.	Kheda	111
8.	Banaskantha	100
9.	Mehsana	127
10.	Panchmahal	69
11.	Rajkot	119
12.	Surat	65
13.	Sabarkantha	95
14.	Surendranagar	75
15.	Amreli	60
16.	Vadodara	74
17.	Valsad Ahwa-dang	62
	TOTAL	1469

New Telecom Policy

1431. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Special Group, headed by the Minister of External Affairs, to formulate the New Telecom Policy by 31st March, 1999;

(b) whether it is a fact that the discussion paper on the said policy, which was released by the Group on Telecommunication (GoT) on 23rd January, 1999 failed to cheer the Telecom Industry, as reported in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated 26th January, 1999; and

(c) if so, whether Government have consulted so far all concerned parties—the licensor, regulator, operator and the consumer and by when the final picture will be made clear?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) to (c) Government have set up a Group on Telecommunication (GoT) headed by the then Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and now Minister of External Affairs to give recommendations for the formulation of a New Telecom Policy. A discussion paper on New Telecom Policy was released by GoT on Internet soliciting views and comments from the Public. A large number of comments have been received from various sections including the Group on Industries (In GoT), Regulator, Operators and consumers. All these are under consideration of the GoT. The final picture on the policy will emerge only after GoT has finalised its recommendations.

Missing Money Order

1432. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the item which appeared in the Action Line Column of the Hindustan Times, Delhi Edition dated the 11th May, 1998 under the caption "Missing M.O.";

(b) whether the said money had been refunded to the grievancee in case of Money Order Receipt No. 1101 dated the 21st April, 1997 from Dehradun (UP), Post Office;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and